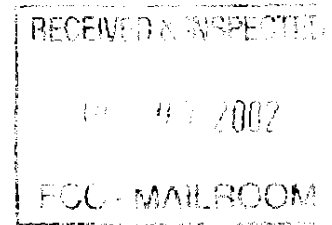




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September 17, 2002

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20037

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to certify that Farmers Mutual Telephone Company will use all federal high cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act

With this certification, Farmers Mutual Telephone Company hereby respectfully requests that in accordance with 47 C.F.R. section 54.314(a) and (c) the Federal Communications Commission include Farmers Mutual Telephone Company in the list of carriers to which such certification applies.

Very truly yours,


Jay Garrett
General Manager